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subsequently joined. Following service, plaintiff shall file an appropriate certificate of service with the court.

2. Failure to serve the summons, complaint and this order on all parties pursuant to FRCP 4 and 5 shall be presumptive evidence of lack of prosecution and subject the complaint to dismissal under FRCP 41(b). Except in the unusual case, the court expects that by the time of conference, the answer or other responsive pleading shall have already

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been served and filed. In the event a party files a motion to dismiss pursuant to FRCP 12, the court will vacate the date of the Case Management Conference and will re-set it after ruling on the motion to dismiss. The court discourages the parties from extending time for pleading or seeking extensions of time beyond those provided in the Federal Rules.

- 3. Before appearing at the conference, the parties or their counsel, or both, shall meet and confer about the substance of the action and the most expeditious means of resolving this litigation. To prepare for the conference, the parties shall review and comply in all respects with the requirements of Civil L R 16-9.
- 4. At the initial case management conference, the parties or at least one attorney of record for each party must appear in person. See FRCP 26(f); Civ LR 16-10(a). The case management conference shall be conducted informally and not reported unless one or more parties is not represented by counsel. Failure of any party or counsel therefor to attend, prepare for and participate in good faith in the conference shall be grounds for appropriate sanctions. FRCP 16(f).
- 5. No continuance of the conference will be granted except by order of the court upon application of a party. The application shall be made seven days before the date of the conference and supported by a declaration showing good cause. In no event shall any party request that the conference be scheduled more than 60 days after filing of the answer by any party.
- 6. The parties are directed to comply with Civil L R 37-1(b) for presentation of a disclosure or discovery dispute not resolved by the conference required by Civil L R 37-1(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT CHIEF JUDGE